PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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AMINO ACIDS FROM FISH AND SOY PROTEINS IMPROVE INSULIN

SENSITIVITY

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 6 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of three (3) months (from December 22, 2003, to March 22, 2004) within which to respond to the Office Action dated September 22, 2003 is requested. Please deduct the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee. Applicant(s) is/are entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

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Please grant any extension of time necessary for entry; charge any fee due to Deposit Account No. 16-0631.

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